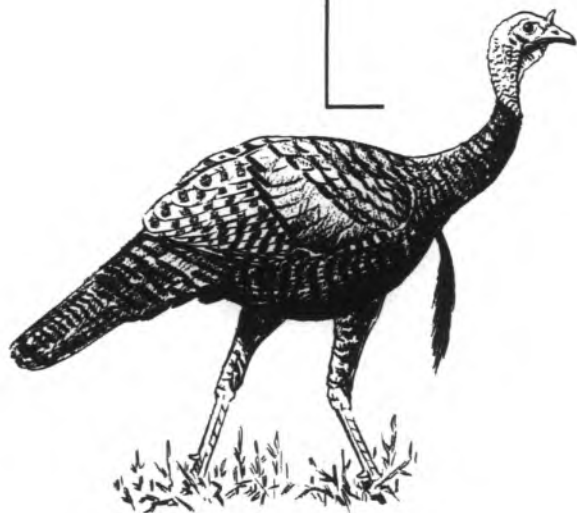


STATE OF FLORIDA
GAME & FRESH WATER FISH
COMMISSION

BIENNIAL REPORT

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STATE OF FLORIDA

GAME AND FRESH WATER FISH COMMISSION

TALLAHASSEE

Dr. O. E. Frye, Jr., DIRECTOR

H. E. Wallace, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

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HONORABLE CLAUDE R. KIRK, JR.
Governor of the State of Florida
Tallahassee, Florida

SIR: We have the privilege of submitting herewith the Biennial Report of the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, for the period starting July 1, 1966, and ending June 30, 1968.

This report contains a concise statement of Commission activities during that period.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. O. E. Frye, Jr.

Director

COMMISSION

THE Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission has five members, appointed to staggered 5-year terms by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate. They are citizen-commissioners—Florida businessmen, sportsmen, hunters and fishermen who serve, without salary, as a policy making body in the conservation of publicly owned natural resources.

Broad authority to manage, restore, conserve and regulate birds, game, fur bearers, reptiles, amphibians and fresh water fish was vested in the Commission when it was created as a constitutional body January 1, 1943.

The Commission is empowered to set bag limits, to fix open and closed seasons as it deems appropriate, and to regulate the manner and method for taking, transporting, storing and using wildlife and fresh water fish in the State of Florida.

All laws fixing penalties for violations of the Wildlife Code and the costs of hunting and fishing licenses are enacted by the Legislature, however.

The Commission appoints a Director, who is the

chief administrative officer and who employs an Assistant Director and a staff of professional wildlife conservationists to carry out the policy directives of the Commission.

To maintain a progressive, balanced, efficient program of enforcement, management, research and public relations is the objective of the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission and its administrative staff.

Six major divisions make up the agency, each having a specialized area of responsibility: Administration, Law Enforcement, Game Management, Fish Management, Information and Education and Communications.

Each division within this organizational structure is represented at the local level through five strategically located regional offices or at a subsidiary field office. This arrangement provides convenient access and communication channels between the public and the Commission administration regarding any operation or service.

Commission Membership Changes 1966-1968 Biennium

FIRST DISTRICT—Southern Region

JACK CLIETT, Wauchula

Appointed June 3, 1965

WILLIAM M. BLAKE, Tampa

Appointed January 6, 1968

SECOND DISTRICT—Northeast Region

W. B. COPELAND, Jacksonville

Appointed June 16, 1965

Reappointed January 6, 1966

THIRD DISTRICT—Northwest Region

RONALD WISE, DeFuniak Springs

Appointed January 6, 1962

DR. RICHARD H. SCHULZ, Marianna

Appointed January 20, 1967

FOURTH DISTRICT—Everglades Region

W. THOMAS McBROOM, Miami

Appointed April 28, 1961

Reappointed February 10, 1965

FIFTH DISTRICT—Central Region

HAROLD W. ASHLEY, Melrose

Appointed June 14, 1965



Report of Progress

DURING THE 1966-68 biennium the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission marked 25 years of service to the people of Florida. The historic occasion was commemorated by publication of a special report, "A Quarter-Century of Progress, 1943-1968." The 28-page illustrated booklet briefly summarizes conservation efforts of historical interest since Territorial days and details Florida's modern wildlife conservation program since World War II.

Highlights of Commission Administration this biennium included the completion and dedication of the Fisheries Research Laboratory at Eustis, expansion of the Richloam Fish Hatchery in Sumter County, construction of a new Central Region Office at Ocala, and a Northwest Region Field Office for Game Management, Fisheries and Communications divisions at DeFuniak Springs.

The first statewide archery season in the state's history was authorized during the biennium—16 days, beginning September 16, 1967.

Despite increased work loads for all divisions, the Commission netted only 13 new employees during the biennium. Personnel records showed 377 employees on July 1, 1966 and 390 on June 30, 1968.

Fisheries Division programs continued to expand in 1966-68, as did the number of anglers on Florida waters and the problems of attempting to preserve and enhance the fresh water environment. Water pollution, illegal dredging and filling, infestations

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Report of Progress

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of noxious aquatic vegetation and, in South Florida, of exotic fishes—all these placed increased demands on the fish management staff.

Research projects continued their vital investigative and monitoring services while regional fish management personnel and other workers continued to make progress in their several areas of responsibility.

The Richloam Hatchery produced and placed 1,500,000 fish in the fresh waters of the state.

Twenty-eight new public boat launching ramps were built during the report period, bringing the total number of ramps installed since the project began in 1958 to 243.

Eleven additional fish management areas were designated by the Commission and various boards of county commissioners during 1966-68, bringing the total number of such areas to 61. These bodies of water, which receive special fishing improvements in the interest of public fishing, totalled approximately 100,000 acres at the close of the biennium.

Three new artificial lakes were constructed and stocked: Lake Stone in Escambia County, Lake Victor in Holmes County and Suwannee Lake in Suwannee County.

Introduction of hatchery-reared striped bass fingerlings into selected Florida lakes near the end of the biennium was accomplished with excellent initial survival.

The Game Management Division continued to acquire and develop wildlife management areas for public use. During the biennium three new areas were added to the program, bringing the total to 34. They were: Edward Ball WMA in Gulf County, 75,000 acres; Nassau WMA in Nassau County, 80,500 acres; and Fort McCoy WMA in Marion County, 28,000 acres. Two existing management areas were enlarged: Aucilla, by 55,000 acres and Everglades, by 30,000 acres. Lee Wildlife Management Area, with 40,000 acres, was eliminated. At the end of the biennium there were approximately 3.5 million acres in Florida's public hunt area program.

Generally increasing harvests of native game were reported from across the state during the 1966-68 biennium, during which approximately 77,000 deer, 49,500 wild turkeys, 4.6 million quail, plus other game species, were taken. Hunting

provided nearly 8 million man-days of outdoor recreation during the biennium.

Wildlife research projects continued to report progress in many areas, including drugging and capture techniques, wildlife telemetry, exotic game investigations, waterfowl research, and in studies of non-game species, including the brown pelican and the American alligator.

Personnel of the Law Enforcement Division received additional responsibilities during the biennium—aside from their usual job of enforcing the Wildlife Code and boating safety regulations.

Under new legislation in effect during the last half of the biennium, officers of the Commission were authorized to inspect wildlife exhibits for the detection of unsafe, unsanitary or inhumane conditions or treatment of wildlife. The new statute provides for the release or confiscation of wildlife so housed or treated after due notice, a corrective period, and a public hearing by the Commission.

During the biennium special emphasis was placed on the replacement of motor vehicles and other equipment used by Law Enforcement Division. Newer boats, outboard motors, sedans and special purpose vehicles, such as airboats, have reduced operating costs while increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of a modest complement of officers who must patrol most of the state's 58,560 square miles of land and inland waters.

An undercover squad was implemented during the report period in a new move toward combatting organized illegal market hunting and fishing in Florida. The first major usefulness of the state undercover investigators was demonstrated in February 1968 when a thriving commercial hunting operation was smashed—the largest ring ever detected in Florida.

A comprehensive program of public information and education was continued during the biennium. Among the media utilized by the Commission I & E Division were press releases, photography, radio, television, personal appearances, exhibits, literature distribution, short courses and other special promotions, and the operation of a youth conservation camp.

The Communications Division continued its important work during the biennium: maintaining the Commission's land mobile radio communications network, which serves not only the cause of wildlife conservation but also provides a valuable civil defense communications system for the state. ●

Organization

Florida Regions



ADMINISTRATION

DR. O. E. FRYE, JR., Director

H. E. WALLACE
Assistant Director

JOEL McKINNON
Administrative Assistant

BRANTLEY GOODSON, Chief
Law Enforcement Division

JOHN W. WOODS, Chief
Fisheries Division

JAMES A. POWELL, Chief
Game Management Division

RHETT McMILLIAN, Chief
Communications Division

JAMES T. FLOYD, Chief
Information-Education

REGIONAL OFFICES

T. L. GARRISON, Manager
Northwest Region

ROBERT BRANTLY, Manager
Northeast Region

J. W. BICKERSTAFF, Manager
Central Region

J. O. BROWN, Manager
South Region

LOUIS F. GAINNEY, Manager
Everglades Region

Financial Statement

Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission

Financial Statement—July 1, 1966, through June 30, 1968

Statement of Cash Receipts

	1966-67	1967-68
Sport Fishing	\$1,250,207.75	\$1,266,169.25
AK Fishing.....	\$ 51,763.25	\$ 47,643.75
Fishing.....	1,198,444.50	1,218,525.50
Sport Hunting	\$1,374,105.00	\$1,527,303.50
AK Hunting.....	131,768.00	121,275.00
Hunting.....	957,626.50	1,047,892.00
U. S. Permits.....	1,600.00	1,710.00
State Hunting Permits.....	242,185.00	296,750.00
Dove Permits.....	11,760.00	14,300.00
Archery Permits.....	12,760.00	16,125.00
Under Age Permits.....	9,765.00	11,987.50
Quail Permits.....	1,388.00	1,074.00
Webb Permits.....	4,030.00	4,770.00
Previous Years State Hunt Permits.....	1,222.50	11,420.00
Commercial Fishing	\$ 42,630.10	\$ 43,081.25
Retail Fish Dealer.....	\$ 18,865.00	\$ 18,730.00
Non-Resident Retail Fish Dealer.....	200.00	800.00
Resident Wholesale Fish Dealer.....	4,150.00	4,800.00
Non-Resident Wholesale Fish Dealer.....	500.00	50.00
Commercial Boats.....	12,960.60	12,772.20
Previous Years Commercial Licenses & Registration Fees.....	136.95	—
Non-Resident Commercial Boat.....	52.30	154.80
Boat Registration Fees.....	5,544.25	5,319.25
Duplicate Commercial Licenses.....	11.00	11.00
Fish Pond License.....	210.00	444.00
Commercial Hunting	\$ 9,010.25	\$ 11,349.00
Trapping.....	\$ 2,945.25	\$ 1,904.00
Hunting Preserve.....	2,275.00	2,225.00
Guide.....	330.00	420.00
Game Farm.....	2,100.00	1,990.00
Wholesale Fur Dealer & Agents.....	485.00	340.00
Local Fur Dealer.....	100.00	90.00
License to Exhibit Poisonous or Venomous Reptiles.....	75.00	145.00
Non-Resident Wholesale Fur Dealer.....	500.00	—
Field Trial Rentals.....	100.00	250.00
Non-Resident State Trapping.....	100.00	500.00
Wildlife Exhibit or Sale Permit.....	—	3,485.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 158,864.34	\$ 335,888.21
Court Costs.....	\$ 42,363.52	\$ 49,694.68
Miscellaneous Receipts.....	6,333.45	181,040.50
Previous Years Licenses Collected.....	48,109.00	41,887.75
Magazine Subscriptions.....	33,468.74	35,793.24
Magazine Single Copies.....	289.98	225.49
Sale of Old Equipment.....	2,472.05	652.50
Confiscated Material & Equipment.....	11,624.99	11,344.30
C. & R. Cancellation.....	24.90	—
Fund Transfer.....	10,403.00	10,678.71
Previous Years CR Expense.....	—	1,151.67
Concession Revenue.....	3,774.71	3,419.37
Federal Government	\$ 454,383.28	\$623,227.80
Federal Aid Hyacinth Control.....	\$ 66,825.27	\$ 99,330.38
Dingell-Johnson.....	106,358.54	158,744.45
Pittman-Robertson.....	281,199.47	365,152.97
Leases	\$ 66,080.08	\$ 133,618.11
Webb Area Grazing Lease.....	\$ 11,346.06	\$ 7,171.68
Webb Area Marl Lease.....	3,715.92	12,648.00
Palm Beach County Lease.....	26,200.00	26,200.00
Stump Lease.....	24,066.10	6,848.43
Miscellaneous Lease.....	752.00	80,750.00
Total Revenue	\$3,355,280.80	\$3,940,637.12

Disbursements and Balances

July 1, 1966 - June 30, 1968



Disbursement by Object Code

	1966-67	1967-68
Salaries.....	\$1,744,837.61	\$1,881,815.40
Other Personal Services.....	64,196.59	65,226.56
Social Security Matching.....	-0-	70,363.91
State Retirement.....	-0-	71,358.76
Advertising Florida's Commodities, Resources and Attractions.....	-0-	2,428.63
Communications and Transportation of Things.....	42,718.67	45,056.57
Postage, Freight, Express, Drayage & Parcel Post.....	22,947.48	30,200.09
General Printing and Reproduction Services.....	119,728.34	158,251.84
Repairs and Maintenance.....	90,709.86	98,816.03
Travel.....	106,494.22	111,315.12
Travel Other Than Employees.....	2,458.45	2,464.11
Utilities.....	13,931.31	19,586.27
Other Contractual Services.....	84,145.18	57,961.28
Bedding, Clothing, Linens and Other Textile Products.....	6,837.03	39,027.03
Educational, Medical, Scientific & Agricultural Materials & Supplies.....	29,731.50	64,917.45
Food Products.....	6,754.68	3,829.95
Maintenance Materials & Heating Supplies (Janitorial, etc.).....	59,538.21	76,173.72
Motor Fuels and Lubricants.....	246,667.01	222,461.15
Office Materials and Supplies.....	16,229.49	22,589.53
Other Materials and Supplies.....	91,263.04	114,517.73
Insurance and Surety Bonds and Auto Liability.....	61,156.49	75,193.98
Rental of Buildings.....	99,361.28	94,240.62
Rental of Equipment.....	19,374.90	31,160.47
Service Charges to General Revenue.....	116,106.92	127,471.59
Other Current Charges and Obligations.....	24,363.94	50,539.64
Books.....	508.20	834.13
Buildings and Fixed Equipment.....	4,809.07	4,354.90
Educational, Medical, Scientific & Agricultural Equipment.....	5,646.16	5,353.99
Motor Vehicles, Airplanes.....	135,843.25	141,418.56
Motors, Boats and Trailers.....	34,783.76	26,072.91
Other Motor Vehicles.....	-0-	12,693.89
Office Furniture and Equipment.....	9,574.27	12,297.04
Other Structures and Improvements.....	37,438.30	34,450.10
Other Capital Outlay.....	70,991.46	107,384.99
Distributions and Transfers To Other Funds.....	25,000.00	39,420.97
Total.....	\$3,394,146.67	\$3,921,248.91



Disbursements by Departments

	1966-67	1967-68
Administration	\$ 409,666.76	\$ 503,233.74
Salaries.....	\$ 135,059.67	\$ 150,698.86
Other Personal Services.....	1,802.96	2,026.57
Social Security & State Retirement.....	-0-	10,337.87
General Expenses.....	153,460.33	210,338.81
Operating Capital Outlay.....	3,236.88	2,360.04
Administrative Cost to General Revenue 4%.....	116,106.92	127,471.59
Information & Education	\$ 221,525.62	\$ 250,696.14
Salaries.....	\$ 81,546.64	\$ 91,493.13
Other Personal Services.....	4,758.09	3,423.75
Social Security & State Retirement.....	-0-	6,643.09
General Expenses.....	134,555.26	138,139.55
Operating Capital Outlay.....	665.63	10,996.62
Law Enforcement	\$1,378,676.97	\$1,579,808.71
Salaries.....	\$ 924,073.67	\$ 976,697.13
Other Personal Services.....	1,307.50	2,532.78
Social Security & State Retirement.....	-0-	74,648.75
General Expenses.....	361,363.04	391,782.82
Operating Capital Outlay.....	91,932.76	134,147.23
Communications	\$ 173,320.75	\$ 237,343.33
Salaries.....	\$ 78,890.23	\$ 84,343.13
Other Personal Services.....	132.00	-0-
Social Security & State Retirement.....	-0-	6,312.70
General Expenses.....	29,628.98	36,761.33
Operating Capital Outlay.....	64,669.54	101,541.17
Fixed Capital Outlay.....	-0-	8,385.00
Aviation	\$ 94,048.67	\$ 95,809.77
Salaries.....	\$ 29,553.22	\$ 32,241.01
Social Security & State Retirement.....	-0-	2,397.94
General Expenses.....	59,156.01	60,156.89
Operating Capital Outlay.....	5,339.44	983.93
Game Management	\$ 702,251.12	\$ 797,319.85
Salaries.....	262,783.33	292,113.18
Other Personal Services.....	51,853.05	53,770.99
Social Security & State Retirement.....	-0-	21,941.65
General Expenses.....	304,752.19	366,180.00
Operating Capital Outlay.....	66,515.16	36,794.03
Fixed Capital Outlay.....	16,347.39	26,520.00
Fish Management	\$ 414,656.78	\$ 457,037.37
Salaries.....	\$ 232,930.85	\$ 254,228.96
Other Personal Services.....	4,342.99	3,472.47
Social Security & State Retirement.....	-0-	19,440.67
General Expenses.....	126,495.27	156,762.78
Operating Capital Outlay.....	24,987.69	19,232.49
Fixed Capital Outlay.....	25,899.98	3,900.00
Total Disbursements by Budgets	\$1,744,837.61	\$1,881,815.40
Salaries.....	64,196.59	65,226.56
Other Personal Services.....	-0-	141,722.67
Social Security & State Retirement.....	-0-	1,360,152.18
General Expenses.....	1,169,411.08	306,055.51
Operating Capital Outlay.....	257,347.10	38,805.00
Fixed Capital Outlay.....	42,247.37	-
Administrative Cost to General Revenue 4%.....	116,106.92	127,471.59
Grand Total.....	\$3,394,146.67	\$3,921,248.91